

**-State Trauma Care Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2004  
Wingate Inn, Helena**

Present: Mike Orcutt, Randall Combs, Sally Buckles, Tim Sinton, Richard Mickelson, Connie Stone, William Taylor, John Bleicher, Joe Hansen, Kirby Peden, Jennie Nemec, and John Mootry.

Absent: Brad Pickhardt, MD, Kim Todd, Louis Kattine, MD, Mike McGree, Greg Moore, MD, Denny Maier, MD.

Guests: Jim DeTienne, Thom Danenhower, Teri Sanddal, Nels Sanddal, Gail Cooper

**Discussion**

Minutes

**Summary**

Approved without discussion.

**Discussion**

Trauma System Evaluation

**Summary**

Nels Sanddal, CIT, and Gail Cooper, Trauma System Director, San Diego, California led a discussion on using a public health model and benchmarks to evaluate our statewide trauma system. Focus areas were assessment, assurance, and policy development.

Votes were tallied on each benchmark item, with brief discussion as needed; the benchmark packets were collected for further analysis and a written report will be forthcoming.

**Discussion**

STCC letterhead and logo

**Summary**

**It was decided to let Kim make a call on this; the committee agreed to accept what Kim decides upon.**

**Discussion**

Open STCC positions  
ACEP  
MMA

**Summary**

ACEP - **Dr. Bentler, M.D., (Billings) will be submitted.**

MMA - **Dr. Lou Kattine, M.D. (Missoula) would like to do it, but needs written letter notice one month before the meetings.**

**Discussion**

Proposed Subcommittee  
Structure &  
Subcommittee Reports

**Summary**

The subcommittees will meet before the next STCC meeting on November 8, Wingate Inn, Helena.

**Discussion**

Subcommittee Report  
Prevention/Kirby Peden, MD  
Thom Danenhower

**Summary**

The prevention committee was reformed with Teri Sanddal, Thom Danenhower, Tim Sinton as members and Kirby Peden, M.D. as chair. Ad hoc members might be Bobbie Perkins, and other representatives from DPHHS as needed.

Teri led a discussion of the new Injury Prevention Program marketing document that will serve as our updated program guidance document. It was well received with suggestions for additions of bulleted interventions on the back page.

The draft Intervention Guideline Manual was also reviewed and was well received with the suggestion of an addition to the introduction stating best “bang for the buck” programs, and a discussion of what has worked where, so users can have a feel for what might work best for them.

**Discussion**

Subcommittee Report  
Education  
John Bleicher

**Summary**

There were numerous upcoming training including TOPIC by STN on 9/8/04 in Great Falls. **Kim was asked to put training courses on the website and out on the STCC list serv.**

A Rural Trauma Team Development will be held in New Orleans October 10-13; **Dr. Maier was asked to try and attend this meeting.**

**Discussion**

Subcommittee Report  
Legislation and Public Advocacy  
John Mootry

**Summary**

STCC priorities remain passage of a primary seat belt law, graduated licensing law, open container law, and support for a stronger, primary child safety seat law.

John has been working with a multitude of work groups in a collaborative effort; **John will finish a tool kit for local use.**

**Thom and others will get John the legislative information booklet once it is published after the elections.**

**The STCC can be a help to this effort by being prepared to testify in favor of bills when they come up for hearings next year.**

**Discussion**

Subcommittee Report  
Organization/Emergency  
Preparedness  
Greg Moore, M.D.

**Summary**

No report.

**Discussion**

Subcommittee report  
Information Systems/Quality  
Improvement  
Brad Pickardt

**Summary**

No report.

**Discussion**

Trauma Designation

**Summary**

Kim will complete 19 visits this year funded by the HRSA grant and about this level of activity is planned for FY 05.

Many facilities are interested in one day follow up technical assistance visits funded by this project.

Rules are hung up in DPHHS legal with no firm commitment as to when they will be finished. **Jim said he would visit with DPHHS legal and try to expedite the process.**

**Discussion**

EMS & Trauma System  
Update  
Jim DeTienne

**Summary**

Jim gave a report on the EMS advisory committee and work to date on our proposed data collection system. **See the attached slide handout.**

**Discussion**

RTAC Reports  
Central  
Eastern  
Western

**Summary**

Central - participation problems continue but attendance is improving. The RMRTS will be in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn, September 9-10. The next meeting will be in Great Falls, October 21.

East - Attendance and low use of telemed sites remains an issue. Telemed education will restart in the fall. The STAR van from Canada will visit Billings and Dillon in the next little while. St. Vincent's has applied for a grant to get similar equipment to the STAR project. St. Vincent's will bring in Dr. Dunn for hospital-based DUI intervention training this fall. The next meeting will be in Billings on September 23.

Western - They are working on an application to HRSA for education funding. Meetings have been well attended and case reviews seem to be the main draw. The prevention poster project is being worked on. Small facilities will use paper to submit data for entry at large facilities. St. Pat's will bring in Dr. Dunn for hospital-based DUI intervention training this fall and start a project in the ER. They hope to go region wide with this next year. The next meeting will be in Butte, October 8, and the recent Polson deck disaster/multiple casualty scene will be discussed.

**Discussion**

Next Meeting

**Summary**

November 8, 9:30 - 4

Wingate Inn, Helena

Subcommittee meetings will be held before the main meeting.